

TILLMAN IS AFTER CORTELYOU NOW

South Carolinian Questions Legality of Issuing Certificates.

HE ATTACKS PANAMA LOAN

Legality of Issuing Clearing-House Certificates and Others Inquired Into.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9.—Senator Tillman to-day introduced a resolution directing the Committee on Finance to investigate the recent proceedings of the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with the financial crisis, and also to make inquiry concerning clearing house certificates. The resolutions were presented in two series, the first dealing with the operations of the Treasury Department, and the second with clearing house certificates, both being divided into three subdivisions.

The first of the resolutions directs the Committee on Finance to investigate and to report to the Senate as follows:—

First—Whether the issue of certificates of indebtedness bearing 3 per cent. interest, bids for which were invited by the Secretary of the Treasury November 18, 1907, were for the purpose of borrowing money to meet public expenditures, as provided by section 22 of the act approved June 15, 1898, and if not, whether there is any warrant of law for the issue of said certificates.

Second—Whether the issue of \$50,000,000 of bonds for the Panama loan, bids for which were called for by the Secretary of the Treasury on November 18, 1907, was required to "defray the expenditures on said canal, there being at the time when both of these loans were made upwards of \$200,000,000 in the treasury for current expenditures."

Third—Whether any legislation is necessary to protect the people and business of the country from the issue of unlawful money, if clearing house certificates are such, and to prevent the illegal increase of the public debt in time of peace.

Clearing House Paper.

The second series of resolutions directs the Finance Committee "to investigate and report to the Senate as soon as practicable" on the following points:

First—Whether clearing house certificates, with which the country is now flooded, have been issued under authority of law or contrary to the same.

Second—Whether the issuing of such certificates by an association of banks, both State and national, and the use of the same as money, subjects such certificates or notes to the tax of 10 per centum provided in section 3412, United States Revised Statutes.

Third—Whether it would be permissible under the law as it is for an association of banks, warehouses and elevators to issue certificates based on cotton, wheat and tobacco, store it in such warehouses and elevators, and fully insured, to be used as money in marketing said crops, in the same way as clearing house certificates are now used.



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BIG LAND DEAL CLOSED

OUT IN SMYTH COUNTY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, VA., December 9.—The biggest farm land deal in Smyth county, Va., in recent years has just been consummated. George Beattie, of Glade Spring, has sold 900 acres of his 1,700-acre farm to John Guinn, of Smyth county, for \$55,000.

New Market for Honoke.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, VA., December 9.—The Common Council to-night, by a vote of 20 to 2, awarded the contract to W. F. Baker for improving the City Market at a cost of \$35,950.

The Council chamber was crowded with friends of the market, and the announcement of the vote was received with applause.

Home Burned Near Elko.

The residence of Mr. Devall, near Elko, Herkess county, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. Mrs. Devall was away, and Mr. Devall was feeding stock at the barn when fire from the kitchen stove started a blaze which quickly rained the four-room structure. A few months ago Mr. Devall's barn stables were destroyed by fire and several horses were killed.

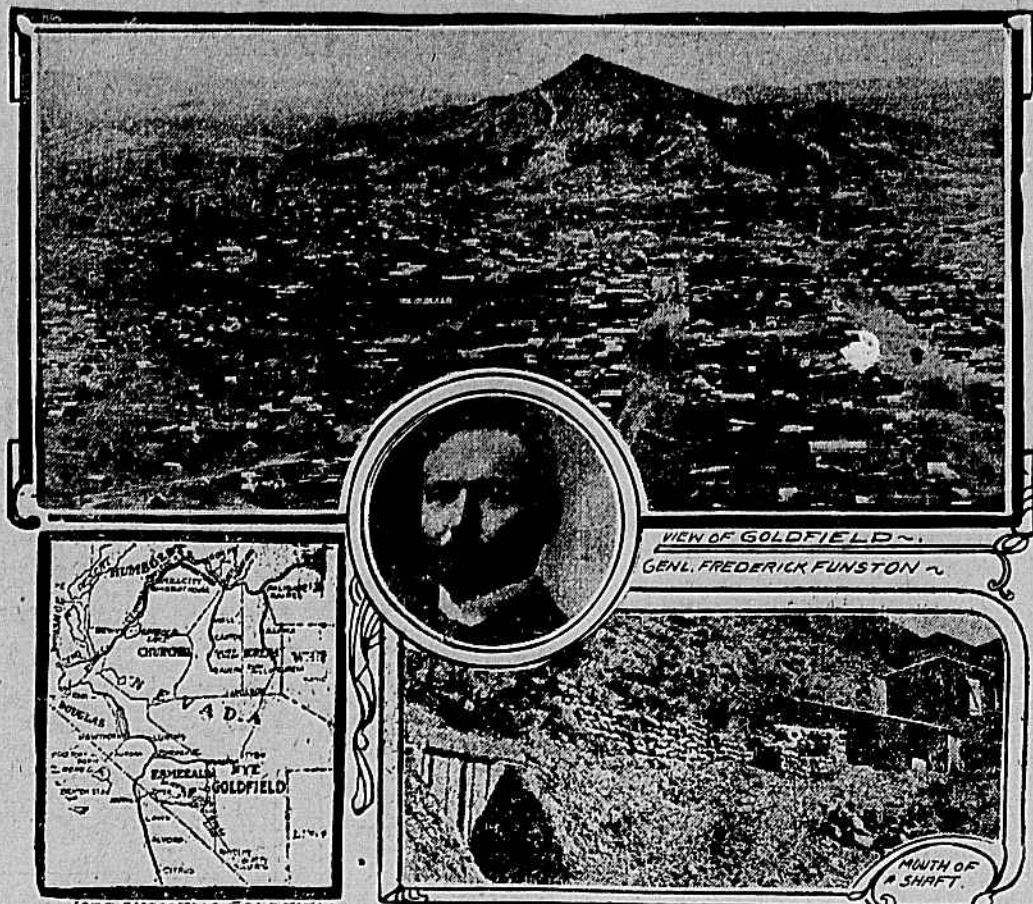
Gone for Prisoners.

Major E. F. Morgan, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, will send a guard to-day to-day for Julian Pavlovic and Fred Gutierrez. The former gets ten years for the murder of his wife and the latter fourteen years for stabbing a man to death.

To Elect Officers To-night.

The regular meeting of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery will be held at the T. Y. A. building, Third and Main Streets, to-night. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

GOLDFIELD MINES TO OPEN THURSDAY; NO MEMBERS OF FEDERATION TO WORK



GOLDFIELD, NEV., December 9.—The mines of Goldfield are to be reopened Thursday next. The wage scale is to be reduced. No members of the Western Federation of Miners will be given employment. Meanwhile, a new committee of the Mine Owners' Association, reached to-day, was the decision of the executive committee of the Mine Owners' Association, reached to-day. The change from Wednesday to Thursday was made to allow time to get men from other points to replace the strikers.

Officers of the Mine Owners' Association assert that they are depending largely on deserters from the federation. They will permit men belonging to the American Federation of Labor or affiliated unions to go to work, and will not bar men belonging to any labor organization except the Western Federation and the Industrial Workers of the World.

The streets of Goldfield are crowded with men and the air is filled with many wild rumors. C. H. Mackinnon, president of the Goldfield Miners' Union, said to-day that he did not believe there would be any violence. Governor Sparks will come to Goldfield Thursday. The troops now here will be scattered throughout the camp and will practically guard the mines. The card system, used at Cripple Creek will be introduced. Frank A. Keith, general manager of the Tonopac Mining Company, and other prominent mining men from other camps are here in consultation with the Goldfield officers.

A street brawl took place on Main Street to-day, when a member of the Western Federation of Miners called a soldier a vile name. John Davis, who was walking with the officer, grabbed the offender and held him until another officer arrived. An attempt to draw weapons was prevented by bystanders.

RACE FOR CONGRESS TO BEGIN SOON

Cabell and Young to Oppose Maynard and Gordon is After Carlin's Seat—Buxton Against W. A. Jones—Yancey Wants to Succeed Glass—Turnbull May Run Against Lassiter.

Although the congressional elections in Virginia will not take place until next November and the primaries to nominate candidates will not be held until some time during the summer, aspirants are already out against the incumbents in several of the districts, and in others there is a good deal of prospecting and "feeling around" among the voters.

There are nine Democrats in the Sixth Congress from Virginia, and one vacancy which exists will be filled at a special election to be held on December 17th. This vacancy is in the Ninth District, where the late Colonel Campbell Slemm long held sway, and it looks as though the mantle of the father is about to fall upon the son. C. Bascorn Slemm is the Republican nominee, and will almost certainly be elected. He is being opposed by Colonel Dave Bailey, of Bristol, who is running as an Independent Republican, trying to uproot and destroy what he calls the "Slemm-Summers machine." Slemm has the organization well in hand, and will probably win by a large majority. The Democrats of the district are divided into three factions. One will stay at home; another will support Bailey, and the third, led by General Rufus A. Ayers, will vote for Slemm. In thus scattering their strength they will fail to cut much of a figure at the polls, and all indications point to Slemm's election.

Democratic Contests.
The nine Democratic incumbents, all of whom it is understood will stand for re-election next year, are:

First District—William A. Jones, Richmond county.
Second District—Harry L. Maynard, Portsmouth.
Third District—John Lamb, Henrico.
Fourth District—Francis Russ Lassiter, Petersburg.
Fifth District—E. W. Saunders, Franklin.
Sixth District—Carter Glass, Lynchburg.
Seventh District—James Hay, Madison.
Eighth District—C. C. Carlin, Alexandria.
Tenth District—Hal D. Flood, Appomattox.

A Real Battle.
Perhaps the closest and most interesting contest will be in the Eighth District, where Hon. R. Lindsay Gordon, of Louisa, has already launched his campaign against "Charlie" Carlin, who has just been sworn in as the successor of the late Congressman John F. Rixey, of Culpeper.

Mr. Gordon was in the four-cornered race in the primary last summer for the short term, and ran next to Mr. Carlin. His friends claim that had former Speaker Ryan withdrawn ten days earlier than he did, or had the battle been between him and Carlin alone, the Louisa man would have won. However, that may be, they are going to try it over again next summer, and both are already doing a good deal of quiet work.

The only other Democratic Congressman from Virginia who has avowed party opposition is Hon. Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, who will have for his opponent Commonwealth's Attorney Robert D. Yancey, of the Hill City.

Mr. Glass is apparently not troubling himself about the matter. The only comment he is making now is that Mr. Yancey or any one else has a perfect right to run if he cares to do so. Mr. Glass is strong, not only in Lynchburg, but in the country sections of his district, and if the fight develops into a serious one he will be ready, for he is never so much at home as when in the heat of battle.

Want Turnbull to Run.
Strong pressure is being brought to bear on Hon. Robert Turnbull, of Brunswick, to enter the race for Congress in the Fourth District against Hon. Francis Russ Lassiter, of Petersburg, and though he is known to have the question under serious consideration, he has not fully determined what will be his course.

Major Lassiter has served several terms in Congress. He was defeated a few years ago by Hon. R. G. Southall, of Amelia, but before the last Vir-

ginian came off he had the battle won, and Mr. Southall withdrew, leaving him a clear field.

Mr. Turnbull is one of the ablest and most aggressive Democratic leaders in Southside Virginia, and has represented his district in many positions of honor and trust. He was a State Senator for several terms, and was one of the leaders in the Constitutional Convention. He is an able and ready debater, and if he and the scholarly Lassiter shall meet on the hustings it will be a battle worth watching.

There has been talk of former Governor Montague's entering the race against Captain Lamb in this district, but nothing has developed to indicate that he expects to be a candidate.

At any rate, there is going to be some very pretty "scrapping" over congressional honors in Virginia next year, and in some sections the foundation is already being laid by the candidates.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

TO BE PROVIDED FOR

Board of Aldermen to Consider To-night Measure Which Council Has Passed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 9.—The report of a special committee recommending the establishment of an executive board for the city will come up before the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night upon concurrence, the report having been adopted by the Common Council.

The committee reports a resolution providing for the changes necessary, and another to relieve the Mayor of the work of police justice. None of the details have been worked out for the government of the proposed commission, excepting that all of the departments and boards are to be merged into the one, excepting the school board. The board will be composed of three members, including the Mayor, and the salaries are not to be less than \$1,500 nor more than \$2,500 each per annum.

There is no doubt but the report will be adopted by the board with little or no opposition.

Virginia Y. M. C. A. to Meet.
The next annual convention of the Virginia Young Men's Christian Association will be held in Lynchburg February 22 and 23. Local committees are already planning for the entertainment of the convention. Among the speakers from outside the State will be Fred B. Smith, of New York, and Governor Glenn, of North Carolina.

The local association is the largest in the South, having a membership of 1,500 boys and young men. Since the last convention met here the association has built and equipped a \$90,000 home. The committees will arrange to entertain 300 delegates from all parts of the State.

Judicial Accidents.
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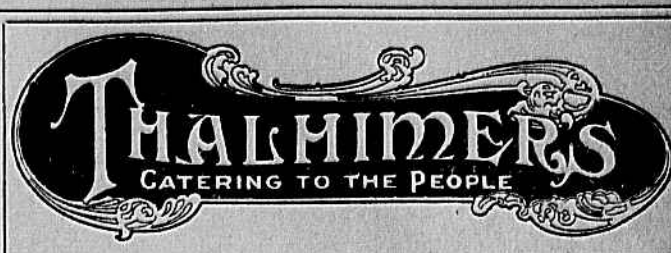
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All-Silk Mufflers, in white, black and fancy; \$1.25 value; here	89c
Men's 69c All-Silk Suspenders, beautifully boxed; here	50c
Men's and Boys' Astrakhan Gloves, fleece lined, all sizes; here	50c
75c White Plaid-Bosom Shirts, four styles, made with cushion neckband; here	59c
\$1.25 Spear Point English Walking Gloves, in the new shades of tan; Xmas price	\$1.00

TOM WATSON DINES WITH PRESIDENT

Versatile Georgian Calls President's Attention to Old Statute.

APPLICABLE IN RATE CASES

Suit to Test Validity of State Statute Must Be in a State Court.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Maney Building, Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.

Tom Watson, of Georgia, just now Democrat, one-time Populist, lawyer, Greenbacker, lawyer, litterateur and acute thinker, clothed like a country schoolmaster, and with the face of a man who has visions and dreams, was in the lobby at the Riggs house to-night, surrounded by old friends, several of whom served with him in the lower House of Congress some years ago.

Mr. Watson lunched with the President to-day, by invitation. Mr. Roosevelt desiring to discuss currency measures with him.

Mr. Watson gave out a lengthy statement to the press associations regarding his solution of the currency question, which he submitted to the President, but far more interesting must have been the other subjects the Georgian discussed at the presidential board.

While Mr. Watson would not indicate in the slightest degree the manner in which the President received the various suggestions made, he had no objection to discussing the nature of the conversation on other topics.

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Judge Gordon, of the Circuit Court, which will be in session that day, has agreed to allow the lecturers the use of the court room.

Mr. Flood said he would have lecturers go to several other counties east of the mountains in his district this winter and in the spring. Similar meetings would be held in Augusta, Rockbridge and Botetourt.

LABOR MAKES ITS PROTEST

Georgia Federation Deplores Reduction of Railway Rates.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 9.—The Georgia Federation of Labor went on record Saturday, through its president, after a meeting of the executive committee, as deploring the reduction of railroad rates and fares through legislation and, apposing any further legislation of the kind.

President O'Connell contends, as does the executive committee, that labor conditions in the South have been disturbed by legislation, which has caused shortening of hours and thereby reduction of wages, as well as being the direct cause of numbers of workmen being laid off.

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